Reference Sources Online with Oxford Reference Online

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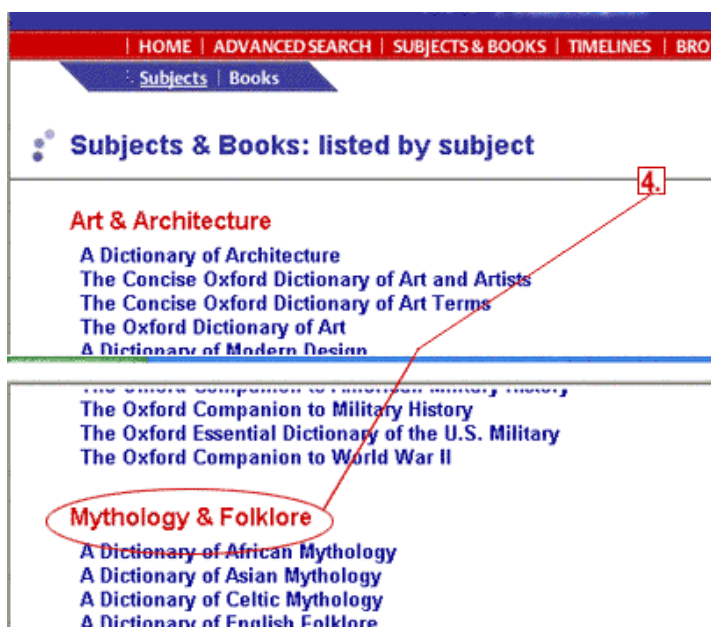
Here's how:

1.a. When you are at the Library: Select the "Other Databases" button in the Library Catalog (on a catalog computer). Look in the center column for the **Oxford Reference Online** heading.

1.b. When you are using a computer at home: Go to http://www.tempe.gov/library/. Select **electronic resources.** Look for the **Oxford Reference Online** heading.

2. You will need to input your library card number and PIN before you may gain access.

3. When the **Oxford Reference Online** page opens, you have a choice of search methods. Select **Subjects & books** to narrow your search to a particular broad topic.
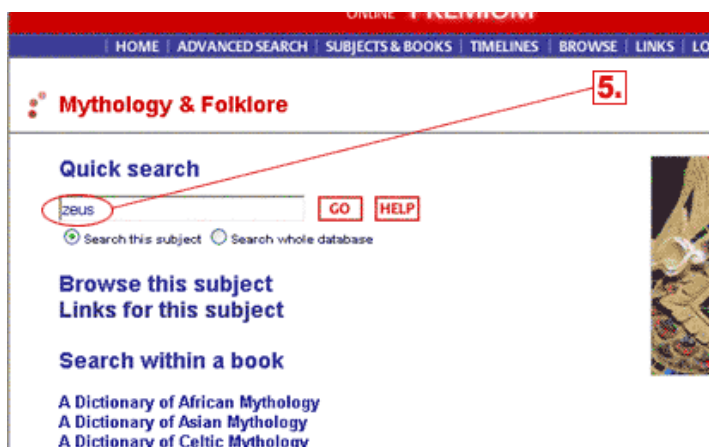

4. You will see a list of broad topics, with specific resources listed under each heading. Select a broad, topical heading to limit your search.
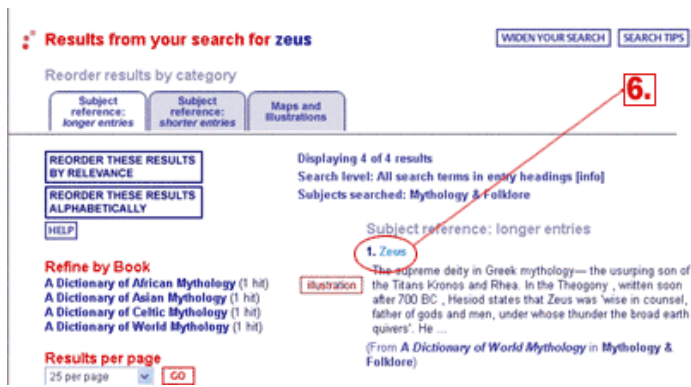
5. Submit an appropriate topic search term for your chosen subject area.

6. You wil see a list of articles on that topic. Select one by clicking on a title.

7. The complete article is available for you to print or email.

8. TIP: you may limit the type of article by selecting various tabs on your results page. (see illustration **6.**)

You may find additional reference resources in the Library. If **Oxford Reference Online** does not answer your question, call the Tempe Public Library Reference Desk at (480)350-5511 for further assistance. The Librarian may be able to tell you how to get the information you need.